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Sir:

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There are now 20 claims total and 3 independent claims.

The claim amendments are supported at page 11, line 15 in the specification. The phrase "grain size" is at page 6, line 17; the addition of "grain" is for clarity, not for limitation. New claims 31 and 35 have the same subject matter as former claims 8 and 28.

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